

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

ENGRAVER'S DEPARTMENT,

6th December, 1882.

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 Your obedient servant
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Hon. A. Loudon Snowden
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